

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3. Drinking water supply project for two towns and 18 villages for Ramganj Mandi & Suket area in Kota district at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.34 crores.	30-6-91	The project has been forwarded by the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Economic Affairs) to Swedish Embassy on 31st July, 1991 for bilateral assistance.	
4. Water supply arrangement for cattle at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.63 lakhs.	5-7-91	The scheme is under technical scrutiny.	
5. Project proposal for rural water supply in fluoride affected villages at an estimated cost of Rs. 688.20 crores.	16-7-91	The project is under technical scrutiny.	
6. Augmentation of water supply schemes in Rambhisar Surjada Tehsil Kalayet in Bikaner district at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.56 lakhs.	24-7-91	The scheme is under scrutiny from technical angle.	
7. Augmentation of water supply in 4 border districts of Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Jodhpur at an estimated cost of Rs. 93.74 crores.	3-8-91	The project is under scrutiny from technical angle.	

Rise in price of Basmati Rice

3794. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of Basmati Rice has risen tremendously; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to curtail the prices thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUP-

PLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement showing the month end wholesale and retail prices of Basmati Rice at selected Centres from August '90 to July '91 is attached.

(b) The Basmati Rice is generally consumed by the affluent classes and is also an export item. The Basmati Rice is not collected for the central pool. As such the prices of Basmati Rice are neither monitored by the Ministry of Food nor any corrective action in this respect is taken.

STATEMENT

(1) Month-end Wholesale Prices of Basmati Rice at selected Centres

Months	Rohtak	Sonapat	Bombay	Amritsar	Batala	Saharan- pur	Hapur	Delhi
	(Rs. per qtl.)							
August '90
Sept. '90	1200	1275	1500	1425	1340	1000	900	1050
October '90	1210	1285	1525	1420	1300	1000	925	1070
Nov. '90	1225	1275	1500	1420	1400	950	990	1080
Dec. '90	1225	1225	1500	1420	1400	950	915	1150
Jan. '91	1225	1300	1550	1385	1450	900	1000	1220
Feb. '91	1225	1350	1550	1400	1450	1100	1170	1140
March '91	1250	1450	1575	1400	1500	1150	1200	1125
April '91	1275	1500	1600	1400	1530	1150	1100	1200
May '91	1275	1600	1600	1460	1730	1225	1400	1270
June '91	1275	1600	1600	1450	1820	1300	1200	1250
July '91	1275	1550	1600	1465	1800	1300	1200	1280
	1275	1530	1600	1490	1800	1365	1220	1420

(2) *Month-end retail prices of Basmati Rice at selected Centres.*

(Rs. per kg.)

	Bombay	Kanpur	Delhi
August '90	17.00	12.50	14.00
Sept. '90	17.00	13.00	14.00
Oct. '90	17.00	13.00	15.00
Nov. '90	18.00	13.00	15.00
Dec. '90	18.00	13.00	15.00
Jan. '91	18.00	13.00	15.00
Feb. '91	18.00	13.00	15.00
March '91	20.00	13.00	15.00
April '91	20.00	13.00	17.00
May '91	N.R.	13.00	17.00
June '91	N.R.	13.00	17.00
July '91	N.R.	14.00	17.00

Source : Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture.

N.R.= Not Reported.

Export of Computer Hardware

3795. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of computer hardware has been declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost export of computer hardware?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. The export of computer hardware has increased from a value of Rs. 243 crores in 1989 to Rs. 297.5 crores in 1990.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Trade Policy announced by the Government in Lok Sabha on 13th August, 1991 is expected to boost

the computer hardware as well. Some of the specific steps being taken are as follows:

- (i) Electronic industry including computers will be entitled to additional EXIM Scrips of 10 percentage points, thereby taking the total EXIM Scrips rate to 40% of FOB value.
- (ii) EXIM Scrips entitlement in case of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) as well as computer software has been made 30% of the net foreign exchange.
- (iii) The procedure for considering advance licence applications has been simplified to ensure that advance licences are issued within 15 days.
- (iv) The advance licence without any monetary limit but against the legal undertaking will be